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device, and from said connection position to a disconnection position wherein the connection portion of the circuit card is disengaged from the connector of said electronic device, wherein said support structure includes a sliding member and an intermediate member mounted to said sliding member, said intermediate member being movable relative to said sliding member, the circuit card being mounted to said intermediate member for conjoint movement therewith in response to the activation of said actuator.

6. (amended) A system as defined in claim 1, wherein said intermediate member is mounted to a mounting surface of said sliding member, and wherein said intermediate member is movable relative to said sliding member in a plane parallel to said mounting surface.

11. (amended) A system as defined in claim 1, wherein said sliding and intermediate members are made in the form of plates.

20. (amended) A support structure for connecting a circuit card to an electronic device, comprising a sliding member adapted to be slidably inserted within the electronic device, a mounting member mounted to said sliding member, said mounting member being movable relative to said sliding member, said mounting member being adapted to support the circuit card, and an actuator mounted to said sliding member and causing conjoint movement of said mounting member and the circuit card relative to said sliding member, whereby said sliding member is slidably displaced along an insertion path to direct the support structure to a first position from which the circuit card is displaced to a connection position where the circuit card is operatively coupled to the electronic device.

21. (amended) A support structure as defined in claim 20, wherein said mounting member is mounted to a mounting surface of said sliding member, said mounting member being movable relative to said sliding member in a plane parallel to said mounting surface.

Please cancel claims 5 and 13 to 19 without prejudice.

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